# Lincoln Neighborhood Watch

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# Summertime Pet Hazards

Summer is here and while we have been enjoying some very nice temperatures, we need to remember to keep our 4 legged friends safe as well.

- \* Never leave your pet unattended in a vehicle! On a hot summer day, the inside of a car heats up very quickly. Within a few minutes, your pet may suffer irreparable brain damage, heat stroke, or even death. Dogs should not be kept in the beds of pick up trucks. The floor of the bed becomes very hot and can burn their feet. Dogs also are in danger of falling out. Keep them safe and cool inside the cab with you.
- \* Always provide plenty of fresh water, including on hikes or at a park. Secure the bowl in a manner that prevents tipping. If you dog spends time outdoors, make sure you provide access to shade, especially during the hottest part of the day. Do keep in mind that shade moves throughout the day.
- \* Avoid excessive exercise, especially after meals. Early morning or evening walks are best in hot, humid weather, especially for old, overweight, or snub-nosed breeds like bulldogs and pugs. Keep in mind when walking your dog that pavement can become very hot too.
- \* Groom your pet regularly to help them keep cool and to stave off summer skin rashes and other problems. Consult with your veterinarian for products to repel fleas and ticks, as well as heartworm prevention.
- \* Be alert to products left on lawns when out for a walk. Some are poisonous. Cocoa mulch, citronella candles, compost piles, even certain garden plants can be hazardous to their health.
- \* Avoid sunscreens or insect repellents not specifically labeled for use on animals. Some ingredients, like DEET, can cause health problems if misused.
- \* ALWAYS use a leash when walking your dog and remember to clean up after your dog. It is the law!
- \* Pets should never be left in poorly ventilated garages. Dogs and cats normal temperature is 101.5 to 102.2 degrees Fahrenheit.
- \* Use a swivel type tie-out and a chain that can't tangle when confining your dog outside. Choke chains are illegal.
- \* Check on your pet periodically and be cautious with very young or older pets.

This is just a brief list of tips to help you keep your pet safe during the summer months. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Animal Control at 441-7900. Information submitted by Animal Control Education Officer Kris Johnson.









# **CRIME FREE DOLLARS 2007**



#### A Larceny From Auto Awareness Program

The citizens of Lincoln suffer approximately one million dollars in loss due to larceny form auto annually. In the Spring of 2003 the Lincoln Police Crime Prevention Unit teamed up with AAA Insurance and the Crime Free Dollars program was initiated. How the program works:

- 1. Officers contact students at the six Lincoln public high schools to educate them to lock their vehicles and keep their valuables concealed or removed from the car;
- 2. The school parking lots are then randomly surveyed and the license numbers of the vehicles in compliance are recorded.
- 3. A drawing is then held for each high school and the student drawn is then awarded \$50 in cash provided by AAA Insurance. Including this years winners, AAA Insurance has paid out \$1,450. This years winners are:
  - East High School Adam Zillig
  - Lincoln High School Katie Lamb
  - North Star High School Zacharia Douglas
  - Northeast High School Clint Lindner
  - Southeast High School Shannon Schroeder
  - Southwest High School Andrew Dowd



Officer Jared Minary and AAA Manager Marilyn Muir

## THE LINCOLN POLICE ARE ON MYSPACE!!!!

### Our Myspace page is focused on Lincoln's younger citizens!

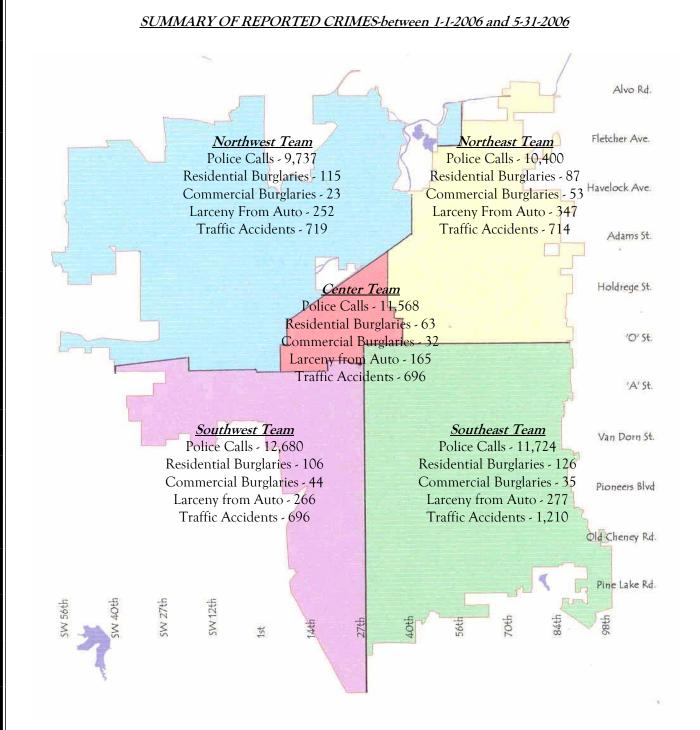
- We want to show you the side of the police department that you may not know.
- We want to keep you updated on crimes or activities that may affect you.
- We even want to help answer your questions.



By adding us to your 'friends' list, you will get bulletins directly from the Lincoln Police Department! We will select crimes that happen at Lincoln schools or with suspects that you may know. If you have any information on the crimes, you can call Crime Stoppers to help us solve them and even be eligible for a cash reward!!!!

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#### STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Through May of 2007 there have been 57,361 police calls for service across the city. This is 2.9% more calls for service than in the same time frame in 2006. The total number of residential burglaries for the city so far is 498, a 2.5% decrease from the previous year. Larcenies from auto reports are up 35.2% compared to this same time period last year. As of the end of May 1,332 incidents of larceny from auto have been reported.

During the first five months of the year there have been 187 commercial burglaries reported. Compared to the same time period in 2006 that gives us a 18.4% increase in business break-ins. We have seen an unusual amount of break ins to schools and churches. The police department asks you to continue to pay attention to neighborhood schools and churches for any unusual people or occurrences and to call the police when you see any suspicious activities.

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Lincoln Police Department Crime Prevention Unit 575 South 10th St. Lincoln, NE 68508

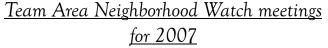
Return Service Requested

#### National Night Out 2007

The "24th Annual National Night Out" has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 7, 2007. We cordially invite you and your neighbors to be part of the NIGHT OUT 2007 Team.

National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for , and participation in, local anticrime programs; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnership; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

From 5 to 9 p.m. on August 7th, residents in neighborhoods throughout Lincoln and across the nation, are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. If you plan on hosting a meeting, block party or a cookout and you would like to have a police officer attend, call the Crime Prevention Unit at the Lincoln Police Department at 441-7261 or 441-6351 by the 27th of July. This will allow time to schedule officers to be at as many neighborhood events as possible.



The following Neighborhood Watch Team Area meeting have been scheduled:

Southeast Team Area Meeting September 10th, 2007 at 6 p.m. Bryan Medical Plaza, 1500 S. 48th

Southwest Team Area Meeting September 18th, 2007 at 6:30 pm. Bess D Walt Library, 6701 S 14th

Center Team Area Meeting
September 13th, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
Center Team Station, 1501 N. 27th

Northwest Team Area Meeting September 17th, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. Loren C Eiseley Library, 1530 Superior

Meeting notice letters will be sent to group coordinators as a reminder approximately a month prior to the meeting.

